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In re the Application of: **SHIMIZU, et al**

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For. **PURCHASED COMMODITY ACCOMMODATING AND TRANSPORTING APPARATUS HAVING..**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 20, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal of the USPTO board of Appeals, and prior to re-examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 13-36 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

37. (New) An independently mobile shopping cart, comprising:

a cart body for carrying one or more commodities; and

a payment processor for handling a payment for the commodities with a prepaid card, having

a commodity code reader for reading a commodity code applied to the individual commodity,

a commodity price identifying section for identifying the price of the individual commodity based on the commodity code read by said commodity code reader,